1	2	3	4
Jharkhand	1	0	1
Karnataka	52	9	29
Kerala	24	0	15
Madhya Pradesh	14	6	6
Maharashtra	109	36	58
Nagaland	2	0	1
Orissa	9	4	5
Puducherry	1	1	0
Punjab	8	7	2
Rajasthan	8	11	7
Tamil Nadu	68	18	52
Uttar Pradesh	34	5	16
Uttarakhand	3	0	2
West Bengal	24	13	11
GRAND TOTAL:	570	147	346

New base year for formulating WPI

2936. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:
SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:
SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that WPI is an important measure to monitor the movement of general level of prices in the economy used by Government, banks, industry, etc.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government is planning to take 2004-05 as new base year in formulating a new WPI;

(c) whether the Committee faced difficulty in identifying criteria of product selection, treatment of export and import, frequency of release of index and collection of price data;

(d) whether it is a fact that the data required to carry out test runs of the proposed new WPI is not yet available; and

(e) the reasons behind identifying the basket of goods which are no longer used or become obsolete or occupied by altogether different items in calculating the WPI?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) is widely accepted as the representative index for movement of general level of prices in the economy. The Government has initiated the process for revising the base year of WPI from 1993-94 to 2004-05 together with an enlargement of the commodity basket to better reflect the structural changes in the economy.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Collection of backlog price data required for test run for the commodity basket is nearing completion.

(e) The selection of commodity basket for the new series of WPI is under finalization with inclusion/substitution of new/emerging items based on their relative importance in economy/group-wise transactions in the base year and the availability of regular price data.

Impact of global recession and Mumbai terror attack

†2937. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the sectors which have shown upward and downward trends after Mumbai attack on 26.11.08 and global economic slowdown;

(b) how these sectors compare to our neighbouring countries; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) The growth of industrial production measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) and it's sector-wise break up is given below:—

Industrial Growth

(in per cent)

	October-December, 08	January-March, 09	April-June, 09	July-September, 09
Mining and Quarrying	2.0	0.9	6.8	9.0
Manufacturing0.5	0.3	3.4	9.4	
Electricity	2.9	3.0	6.0	7.5
Overall industry	0.8	0.5	3.9	9.3

Source: Central Statistical Organisation

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.